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SUBJECT: UN DEBATE IN GERMAN BUNDESTAG

1. DURING A MARCH 10 BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON THE UN,
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE
ORGANIZATION TERMING IT "INDISPENSABLE" IN ORGANIZING
GLOBAL COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. GENSCHER SAID THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE
TO THE UN AND SPOKE OUT AGAINST INCIPIENT
"PESSIMISM" ABOUT THE UN IN THE FRG.

2. GENSCHER OBSERVED THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS
HAD IMPROVED AND THAT THE CLIMATE OF CONFRONTATION
SOMETIMES EVIDENT IN THE GA WAS GIVING WAY TO MORE
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. HE SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE
OF ONE LAND, ONE VOTE AND THE NEED FOR COMPROMISE
BETWEEN NATIONS WITH DIVERSE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL
SYSTEMS. GENSCHER SAID THE FRG WOULD USE ITS UN
MEMBERSHIP TO WORK TOWARD SOLUTIONS TO THE NORTH-SOUTH
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CONFLICT, THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE
MIDDLE EAST, AND THE REALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. LONGTIME GERMAN DISSATISFACTION WITH ALLEGED
PERSONNEL UNDERREPRESENTATION IN THE UN AND ITS
ASSOCIATED AGENCIES WAS DEMONSTRATED BY A MOTION BY
THE PARTIES COMPRISING THE GOVERNING COALITION TO

REQUEST THE FRG TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE
REASONS FOR THIS SITUATION AND MEANS TO IMPROVE IT.
THE REPORT IS DUE BY APRIL 30.
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